

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. The amendments above, and remarks that follow, address points raised in the Office Action, and, thereby, place this application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-19 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-12 have been cancelled, claim 13 has been amended, and claims 30-39 have been added. Accordingly, claims 13-19 and claims 30-39 are pending. Claims 13, 33, and 39 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. No new matter has been added by the proposed amendments.

Drawing Objections:

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR §1.84(b) because photographs, including photocopies of photographs, are not ordinarily permitted in utility and design applications. Replacement drawings for Figures 1-5 are included in response to the objection. A Notice to the Official Draftsperson is also being submitted concurrent with this Amendment.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

Claims 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner indicates that in claim 13 it is unclear as to whether the “parts” for the phases in the process are being claimed. Claim 13 has been amended to clarify the nature of the invention to overcome this rejection.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b):

Claims 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jackson (U.S. Patent No. 3,191,791). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this contention and asserts that the present claims are not anticipated by any disclosure in Jackson.

The Applicant’s independent claim 13 relates to a kit for facilitating computer manufacture. The kit can include a plurality of templates, each having a plurality of cavities, silhouettes, impressions, contours, or profiles (collectively, “cavities”) that correspond to parts at a respective phase of a fixed or flexible computer manufacturing process, where each cavity is

shaped to visually identify the corresponding parts. The plurality of templates include a first template having a cavity corresponding to a geometry of a computer chassis, a second template having a plurality of cavities, each corresponding to a geometry of a part of a central processing unit, and a third template having a cavity corresponding to a geometry of a cover of the computer chassis. The plurality of templates are physically arranged or ordered in a sequence as used in the manufacturing process.

Jackson relates to a shipping container for safely transporting precision elements, such as semiconductor devices. The container includes trays having a number of recesses configured to contain semiconductor devices. The recesses are formed to snugly fit either relatively larger-sized high power semiconductor devices or relatively smaller-sized, low power semiconductor devices. In Jackson, a first recess can form an oval shape having a lengthwise dimension generally parallel to a diagonal of the tray. A second recess can form a general oval shape along, and greater than, a width of the first recess. Any number of trays containing the semiconductor devices can be stacked within the shipping container.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in a claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. The Office Action has not established that Jackson anticipates independent claim 13 of the present Application because Jackson does not teach or suggest every element of the Applicant's claim. For example, the Office Action asserts that "Jackson is capable of retaining a small rectangular computer chassis, a small rectangular CPU base, and a small rectangular chassis cover." However, Jackson relates to a container having trays configured to contain semiconductor devices. Certain first recesses in the trays of Jackson generally have an oval shape having a lengthwise dimension generally parallel to a diagonal of the tray. Other recesses in the trays of Jackson generally have general oval shape along, and greater than, a width of the first recesses. With such geometries of the recesses, Jackson does not teach or suggest "a first template having a cavity corresponding to a geometry of a computer chassis, a second template having a plurality of cavities, each corresponding to a geometry of a part of a central processing unit, and a third template having a cavity corresponding to a geometry of a cover of the computer chassis" as claimed by the Applicant. The geometries of the recesses in Jackson are limited to the geometries of semiconductor devices. If the rejection of claim 13 is to be maintained, the Applicant

respectfully request that it be pointed out with particularity where Jackson teaches of trays having a cavity corresponding to a geometry of a computer chassis, cavities corresponding to a geometry of a part of a central processing unit, and a cavity corresponding to a geometry of a cover of a computer chassis.

Claim 13 is therefore patentable over Jackson for at least the above reasons. Further, claims 14-19, which depend from claim 13, each contain all the features and limitations of claim 13 and are allowable for the same, and other, reasons.

Additional Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jackson. Claims 1, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Olson (US 6,056,121). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson in view of Berbeco (US 4,231,901). However, these rejections are moot in view of cancellation of claims 1-12.

Conclusion

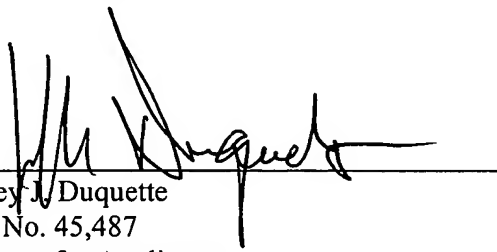
In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is patentable. The Applicant therefore kindly requests consideration of all claims in light of the above remarks and allowance thereof.

The Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141449.

The Examiner is also kindly requested to contact the undersigned if such would expedite examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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